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LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

REF: MANILA 6461

1. WE CONCUR IN USADB ASSESSMENT IN THE NEED FOR A MAJOR
EFFORT TO IMPROVE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, AND ALSO FOR THE
WORK TO BE DONE BY CONSULTANTS AS DESCRIBED IN THE GENERAL
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ADB
DOCUMENT R 32-78.

2. HOWEVER, WHILE SUPPORTING THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE STUDY
AND BELIEVING THAT IT WILL PRODUCE IMPORTANT INFORMATION
ESSENTIAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR AND
INCREASED AWARENESS OF SECTOR'S PROBLEMS WE ARE SKEPTICAL
ABOUT MAJOR FOLLOW-ON PROJECT. TWO OF THE SECTOR'S
MAJOR DIFFICULTIES ARE NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN
THE TERMS OF REFERENCE. MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT
PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR INHIBITING
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ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION HAS BEEN
THE PRICE POLICIES OF GOP WITH REGARD TO MEAT PRODUCTS,
IN FAVOR OF URBAN POPULATION. PRICES ARE FAR BELOW
WORLD MSVELS AND KEPT SO BY BOTH RESTRICTIONS ON
EXPORTS AND BY WIDE RANGING (BUT ONLY SPORADICALLY
ENFORCED) DOMESTIC CONTROLS. AS A RESULT THERE HAS
BEEN NO PROFIT INCENTIVE FOR CAREFUL MANAGEMENT OF

RANGE RESOURCES BY LIVESTOCK OWNERS. NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY INCENTIVE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR MARKETING AND HANDLING MEAT AND OTHER LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS.

3. IN ADDITION CULTURAL FACTORS ARISING FROM NOMADIC SOCIAL STRUCTURE IN BALUCHISTAN PLACE MORE EMPHASIS UPON NUMBERS OF LIVESTOCK THAN UPON MARKET QUALITY OR SALES. WE NOTE CONSULTANT SCOPE OF WORK CONTAINS REFERENCE TO CULTURAL PATTERNS BUT THE TEAM MAKE UP DOES NOT NECESSARILY CONTAIN ANYONE WITH ANTHROPOLOGICAL SKILLS. SUCH OMISSION HAS BEEN A CAUSE FOR THE FAILURE OF PREVIOUS STUDIES IN THIS AREA AND WE HOPE CAN BE CORRECTED IN THIS CASE.

4. NONETHELESS, WE BELIEVE THE STUDIES PROPOSED TO BE DONE UNDER TA FUNDING CAN BE A VALUABLE INPUT TO A START ON RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS. TOO MUCH, HOWEVER SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TOO SOON.
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